



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

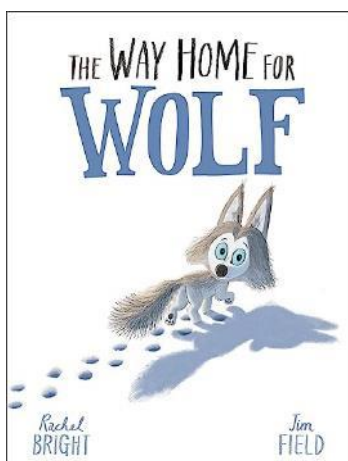
December is here and we are just three school-weeks away from our first term together ending. Time has really flown and this first term in my new role has been brilliant. I am so proud of what we are achieving together at Heron Hill and find myself full of pride on a daily basis for our fantastic pupils and the staff who serve them.



Over the past few weeks I have been encouraging as many parents and carers as possible to complete our updated parent/carer feedback. I am really pleased to tell you that a total of 101 responses were received before the survey closed on Monday at 6.00 pm. This is amazing and gives us a solid sample of views for where school is doing brilliantly and where you'd like us to consider something new or pay greater attention to an area of importance to you. I am in the process of collating and analysing all responses, and look forward to sharing them with you before we break up for Christmas. Thank you for taking the time to share your views; we are always happy to hear your positive and developmental feedback.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Middleton



ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK....

Focused on our school values:
RESPECT – RESPONSIBILITY – RELATIONSHIPS

This week, we shared a story by Rachel Bright and Jim Field; this author/illustrator team is a favourite of Mrs Middleton's. The Way Home for Wolf helped us to reflect on BELONGING and the important piece we each have in our Heron Hill jigsaw puzzle.

Zooming in on our **RESPECT** and **RELATIONSHIPS** values, we explored these in more detail and took a moment to share our gratitude for people who are important to us and help us to feel like we belong.

- **RESPECT - RESPONSIBILITY - RELATIONSHIPS** -



HANDWRITING AND PRESENTATION PRAISE

We continue to celebrate achievements, progress and effort in all things presentation during our weekly headteacher assemblies. This week, the children below have been praised for their super efforts. Well done! 😊

Class:	Pupil:
Y1 Angletarn	Ellen P
Y1 Whinlatter	Cobie S
Y2 Outerside	Carter W
Y2 Yewbarrow	Frankie B
Y3 Kentmere	Darcie R
Y3 Glaramara	Scarlett R
Y4 Thornthwaite	Leo
Y4 Blencathra	Olivia
Y5 Fairfield	Tiffany
Y5 Catstycam	Byron W
Y6 Helvellyn	Imogen
Y6 Scaffell	Poppy C



PLANTING FOR POLLINATORS

Thank you to everyone who joined us after school on Monday to help plant 100 new trees on our school grounds. It was fantastic to see our school community coming together and 'digging deep' to contribute to our continued eco-focus in school; your help is much appreciated!



PRODUCT RECALL

At the Christmas Fair on Friday, some children bought earrings from Annie's stall. Annie and her mum Gemma have since realised some of the earrings are faulty and the posts will fall off the heart shaped ones. Please contact the office if you bought these earrings, in order to get a replacement.



USBORNE BOOK FAIR

Thank you to everyone who popped into the school hall last Thursday for our Usborne Book Fair. We sold a grand total of just over £600 which turns into approximately £340 worth of Usborne books for our school. This is fantastic! We LOVE reading at Heron Hill School and will be selecting some books to add to the reading boxes in our bell tents for the spring term with this commission. THANK YOU!



RESOURCE REQUEST

Mrs Little and her lunchtime nurture club have been enjoying lots of different play and creative activities this term. As we approach Christmas and many families have clear-outs of unwanted toys etc., please consider donating any to school for nurture club to use. Mrs. Little also has some keen crochet creators who are running low on wool. If you have any lying around that you don't need, they'll happily take it off your hands. Thank you!



ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

If there is something you'd like to highlight and celebrate for your child. Please email admin@heronhill.cumbria.sch.uk with the subject 'F.A.O Mrs Middleton – Newsletter' to ensure your email makes its way to me.

NB: By submitting photographs, you are consenting to your child's image being added onto the newsletter which is shared via ParentMail and online.



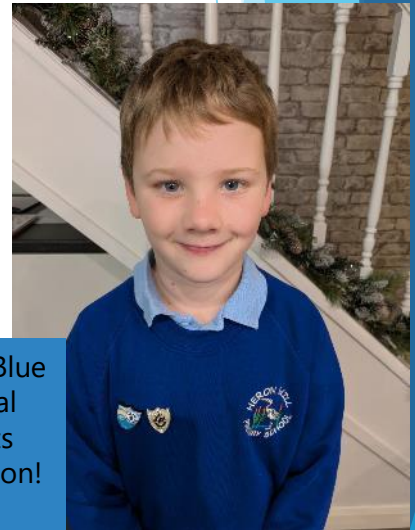
Finley in Year 5 was invited for an 8 week trial at Morecambe F.C. After being on trial for only 2 weeks, he was asked to sign. Congratulations Finley; this is a wonderful achievement!



Matylda from Y4 recently took a part in Festive Awards evening at Castle Green Hotel with her dance school Razzmataz. She received a lovely certificate and won a prize! She also performed with her group showing off her dance, song and a poem. Well done Matylda!



Jake from Y4 competed in the Winter Meet swimming gala this weekend. It was his second external swimming gala and he came away with 6 gold medals, 1 silver medal and more importantly he had fun with all his swimming friends. Well done Jake!



Harrison in Y3 has gained his SILVER Blue Peter badge for volunteering at local Park-Runs. He already has his sports badge so is starting to build a collection! Well done Harrison!



For the latest information about our Christmas events, please see your separate email from Mrs Lehane. This was sent via ParentMail on Tuesday 26th November.





ATTENDANCE

Attendance to school is important for all pupils. Primary-aged pupils rely on adults to get them to school each day and on time. Please ensure you do all you can to get your child into school daily. If you are experiencing any challenges, please let a member of the senior leadership team know so that we can endeavour to help you.

OUR 8.45 AM STAGGERED DROP-OFF IS HAVING A REALLY POSITIVE IMPACT ON PUNCTUALITY EACH DAY. THANK YOU TO OUR PARENTS, CARERS AND FAMILY MEMBERS FOR EMBRACING THIS TRIAL CHANGE.

Remember: "Teachers close the door at 8.54!"

Well done to the 8 classes highlighted GREEN below who met or exceeded the 96% target last week.

Registration Form	Class %
Reception - Latrigg	98.1
Reception - Mellbreak	96.8
Y1 Angletarn	96.2
Y1 Whinlatter	91.3
Y2 Outerside	88.9
Y2 Yewbarrow	95.2
Y3 Kentmere	96.5
Y3 Glaramara	89.6
Y4 Thornthwaite	99.3
Y4 Blencathra	95.4
Y5 Fairfield	98.5
Y5 Catstycam	94.1
Y6 Helvellyn	98.5
Y6 Scafell	98.1



PREFECTS PRAISE

Our Prefects have been on duty during lunchtimes supporting pupils with their play. Harrison, Jasmine, Ben and Molly have been keeping an eye out for children who are being kind, building relationships and helping others. This week, they would like to say well done to the following children:



Pupils who have been noticed:

Sophia B, Y6	Amber M, Y2
Matilda C, Y6	Martha J, Y2



We were thrilled to have Steve and Jane from Mathletics in school on Monday, 25th November. They had travelled across the country to visit Heron Hill and work with pupils, parent/carers and teaching staff. They led a very exciting pupil assembly, awarding and celebrating our children's effort and participation on Mathletics. This was followed by a Parent Workshop, then a twilight Teacher/TA training session for

Heron Hill and other local schools to share the latest developments on this fantastic website that is used by pupils in over 35 countries worldwide to facilitate pupils' engagement and enjoyment of all aspects of mathematics.

Some of the highlights we celebrated were:

Top 10 Mathletes at Heron Hill (2nd Sept - end Nov 2024)

1 st	Ronan S (overall top Mathlete in school, also achieving Platinum II level)
2 nd	Sophie A
3 rd	Ethan J
4 th	Scarlett R
5 th	Riley J
6 th	Max M
7 th	Evan S
8 th	Tiffany S
9 th	Jessica A
10 th	Finley T

All of these pupils were awarded special pin badges and Mathletics wristbands for their dedication to improving their maths skills.

Pupils achieving Mathletics Gold certificates this term are:

Level III Gold: Sophie A

Level II Gold: Jessica A, Ethan J

Level I Gold: Oliver D, Finley T, Evan S, Emily F, Riley J and Max M.

Top Classes this term:

1 st	Catstycam	253,012 points scored
2 nd	Fairfield	237,578 points scored
3 rd	Thornthwaite	143,772 points scored

Catstycam class have been awarded a special Mathletics trophy for their amazing efforts!

Parental Support with Mathletics:

We were delighted that our visiting Mathletics mathematicians were able to run a Parent Workshop whilst they were here. For those parents unable to attend, here is a video link to see some of the top tips and advice they shared for supporting pupils with maths at home: [A parents guide to supporting your child with Mathletics - Watch Video](#)

Parents and pupils sometimes ask us how pupils earn points:

Curriculum content 1 x correct answer = 10 points;

1 x correct test answer = 20 points;

Live Mathletics 1 x correct answer = 1 points; 1 x correct bonus level answer = 2 points;

Quests 10 points per question Level up or complete a Quest = 50 points

